

GERMANY PUT TO HARD STRAITS TO REPLENISH FORCES

GERMAN FRIGHTFULNESS VENTED IN NORTH FRANCE

Hundreds of Patients and Workers in English Hospitals Behind Lines Killed and Wounded.

(Associated Press.)
With the British Army in France, May 23.—German aircraft again have bombed heavily British hospitals in the area behind the lines and this time have killed and wounded some hundreds among the personnel and patients of many different hospitals in the group.
Recorded in the casualty list are the names of several sisters, who, with other women nurses, stood bravely by their posts throughout a terrific deluge of explosives.
There is in the neighborhood one large American hospital and another in which there are American workers, but neither of these appears to have suffered. Last summer a number of American doctors and nurses were killed and wounded when these same hospitals were raided by the Germans.
Bombs Were Huge Affairs.
This latest horror was perpetrated Sunday night, apparently by four squadrons of enemy planes which appear to have comprised more than a score of machines. A great number of bombs were dropped, about 30 per cent. of them huge affairs which dug vast craters in the hospital grounds, and the rest high explosive shrapnel, which sent their death-dealing bullets tearing in every direction through the crowded hospital tents and buildings.
A three-seated airplane was brought down by gunfire while flying at a low altitude and the occupants were made prisoners. The enemy captain and the pilot sustained comparatively light shrapnel wounds, while the observer was not hurt. When questioned why he had directed his men against hospitals, the captain explained in a matter of fact way that he did not see the Red Cross signs. He said he was seeking military objectives and had no desire to molest hospitals.
Captain Spoke English.
With a shrug of his shoulders the German captain added that if the British choose to build their hospitals near railways they must expect to get them bombed.
The captain spoke excellent English.

CRUMP COMMITTEE RECOGNIZED AS LAWFUL

State Committee Will Confirm County Primary Committees Elected Last Saturday.

(Special to The News.)
Nashville, May 23.—On motion of J. S. Martin, of Memphis, the democratic state executive committee this afternoon recognized the Crump committee as the lawful county executive committee of Shelby county. The committee also adopted a resolution asking the United States senate to pass the suffrage amendment at its earliest convenience, after an address had been delivered by Mrs. Leslie Warner, state suffrage president.

The necessary three-fourths of the membership to constitute a quorum under the primary law was not present. So the committee will not meet as a primary board until tonight. The county primary boards nominated in each county last Saturday will be confirmed.

SUBMARINE CAMPAIGN WAS POLITICAL BLUNDER

British Naval Expert Shows Upward Curve in Favor of Allies in Ship Losses.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 23.—The enemy is destroying British, allied and neutral tonnage at the rate of about 3,500,000 tons yearly, while the allies and neutral countries will very soon be producing tonnage at a rate of about 4,000,000 tons yearly, writes Archibald Hurd, the naval expert, in the Daily Telegraph. That favorable situation, he declares, should be reached in a few weeks and thereafter the upward curve in favor of the allies should proceed in a manner to convince the Germans of their failure.

There are indications, the writer points out, that the Germans themselves realize that the submarine campaign was a political blunder. The allied navies have not been weakened, he notes, and the submarine, which brought America into the war, has not been able to interfere seriously with the transportation of American troops and material.

Mr. Hurd says the sea is becoming an inferno for the submarine pirates, and the morale of officers and men in the submarine service is steadily declining.

ITTEL BARGES AND BOATS WILL RELIEVE RAILROADS

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 23.—Expenditure of \$20,000,000 for the construction of steel barges and boats to transport freight down the Mississippi to New Orleans for export to assist in relieving the railroad situation will be urged at a conference May 31 between Director-General McAdoo and a delegation from central west states consisting of 100 members of the Mississippi Valley Waterways association. Arrangements for the conference were completed today.

Asked where he had learned it he replied he had been in diplomatic service before the war.

Divided in Two Phases.
Sunday night's raid was divided into two phases, the first of which began shortly after 10 o'clock and lasted until 11 o'clock. Not satisfied with this, the enemy returned and heavily bombed hospitals filled with wounded men. In one building, which was damaged most seriously, all the patients were suffering from compound fractures, which made necessary their limbs being strapped in the air. Not a woman was killed or wounded, but throughout the terrible bombing each one kept going her rounds and quieting the unfortunate men, who might have done themselves lasting harm by, springing from their beds.

One sister was killed while administering to the soldiers' wants and another was so seriously hurt that she died shortly afterward. Still another was dying today.

Red Cross Flare Visible.
London, May 23.—German airplanes have carried out a systematic bombardment of Red Cross hospitals behind the British lines, killing and wounding many persons, among them numerous wounded patients that were under treatment, said dispatches from the front today.
In their latest fiendish dash the Germans employed bombs of terrific power as well as shrapnel shells, which burst near the ground, scattering bullets in every direction.

Although the Red Cross insignia was plainly visible the Germans delivered direct attacks upon the hospital buildings.
One German machine, carrying the commander of the raid, was brought down. There were three persons in it and it was an immense loss.

The German commander spoke excellent English and when asked why he had directed the attack against hospitals, he claimed he had not seen the Red Cross sign.

The women nurses in the hospitals showed the utmost bravery throughout the attack, which lasted for some time.

AIR HUMMING WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT MOTORS

Over Area Between American Front and Paris—New Moon Brings Increased Activity.

(Associated Press.)
With the American Army in France, Wednesday, May 23.—Enemy aircraft have been extremely active along the American front in Picardy since the advent of the new moon. Villages and roads in the rear of the American lines have been bombed and some of the villages visited by the hostile aviators present pitiful scenes of destruction. The military damage done has been negligible, but a number of civilians have been killed, most of them women and children.

The American soldiers and nurses are freely offering aid and comfort to the distressed. That some of the American hospitals have not been damaged is no fault of the enemy, but is due to the fact that the Germans are apparently dropping their bombs without any consideration of military objectives.

The area under bombardment from the air is the belt between the American front and Paris, and nightly the air over this district is humming with enemy motors, while the American and French anti-aircraft guns are keeping up an almost continuous barrage.

SENSATION IN DUBLIN OVER DEATH OF PATRIOT

Lord Mayor's Proposed Visit to United States Further Delayed.

(Associated Press.)
Dublin, May 23.—A sensation was caused in Dublin today by the death in the workhouse hospital known as the "South Dublin Union" of Mrs. Emily Ricketts, sister of the late Charles Stewart Parnell, the famous Irish patriot.

Dublin, Wednesday, May 23.—At the anti-conscription conference at Mansion House today a letter was read from A. J. Balfour, British foreign secretary, to the lord mayor of Dublin, declaring that passports would be granted to the lord mayor only if he agreed to submit to the Irish government all documents he intended to carry to America on his proposed trip. It was announced that the mayor had replied that the only document he intended to carry was one direct to President Wilson from the Mansion House conference and that he would decline to submit this to the lord lieutenant of Ireland.

The matter was considered in a two-hour sitting, after which the conference adjourned until tomorrow.

The lord mayor's departure is delayed further and he will not leave, it is said, before the end of next week.

REDUCE CHARTER RATE FOR REQUISITIONED SHIP

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 23.—A reduction of 50 cents a ton in the charter rate for requisitioned American ships operating on a bareboat basis, effective June 1, was announced today by the shipping board.

EVERYBODY MUST WORK OR FIGHT

Baseball Players and Bucket-shop Employees Cannot Claim Deferred Classification

UNDER NEW DRAFT RULES

Sweeping Order Issued by Gen. Crowder—Various Occupations Affected.

This Will Hit 'Em All

New Regulations Regarding Deferred Classifications.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 23.—Provost-Marshal-General Crowder's new "work or fight" regulations will require professional baseball players either to engage in some useful occupation or to join the army.

(International News Service.)
Washington, May 23.—Go to work or fight.

That is the dictum of the government as announced today by Provost-Marshal-General Crowder in an amendment to the selective service regulations dealing with the question of compelling registered men not engaged in a useful occupation to immediately apply themselves to some form of labor contributing to the general good. The idler, rich or poor, will find himself confronted with the alternative of finding suitable employment or entering the army.

The new regulation, which becomes effective July 1, will also affect the following classes:

Persons engaged in the serving of food and drink, or either, in public places, including hotels and social clubs.
Passenger elevator operators and attendants, doormen, footmen and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, apartment houses, office buildings and bathhouses.
Persons, including ushers and other attendants, engaged and occupied in, and in connection with games, sports and amusements, excepting actual performance in legitimate concerts, operas or theatrical performances.

Persons employed in domestic service.

Effective July 1.
The regulation provides that after July 1, any registrant who is found by a local board to be a habitual idler or not engaged in some useful occupation shall be summoned before the board, given a chance to explain and, in the absence of a satisfactory explanation, he is included in the military service of the United States. Any local board will be authorized to take action whether it has original jurisdiction of the registrant or not. In other words, any man loafing around in a pool room in Chicago may be held to answer to a Chicago board, even though he may have registered in New York and lived there most of his life. The regulations which apply to idle registrants will be deemed to apply also to holders of all descriptions of licenses and attendants of bucket shops, race tracks, fortunetellers, clairvoyants, palmists and the like.

Nonessential Occupations.
Men who are engaged in non-essential occupations or who are idlers will not be permitted to seek relief because of the fact that they have drawn a late number or because they have been placed in Class 3 or 4 on the grounds of dependency. The fact that he is not usefully employed will outweigh both of the above conditions. It is expected that the list of non-useful occupations will be extended from time to time as necessity will require so as to include persons in other employments.

"The war has so far disorganized the normal adjustment of industrial man-power as to prevent the enormous industrial output and national organization necessary to success," said Gen. Crowder, in discussing the new regulation. "There is a popular demand for organization of man-power, but no direct draft could be imposed at present. Steps to prohibit a large and non-effective occupation will be welcomed by the people."

Idlers Must Work.
"We shall give the idlers and men not effectively employed the choice between military service and effective employment. Every man in the draft age, at least, must work or fight."

"This is not alone a war of military maneuvers. It is a deadly contest of industries and mechanics. Germany must not be thought of as merely possessing an army; we must think of her as being an army—an army in which every factory and loom in the empire is a recognized part in a complete machine running night and day at terrific speed. We must make of ourselves the same sort of effective machine."

Let Every Man Work.
"It is enough to ask what would happen if every man in the nation turned his hand to effective work. We must make ourselves effective. We must organize for the future. We must make vast withdrawals for the army and immediately close up the ranks of industry behind the gap with an accelerating production of every useful thing in necessary measure. How is this to be done?"

"The answer is plain. The first step toward the solution of the difficulty is to prohibit engagement by able-bodied men in the field of harmful employment, idleness or ineffectual employment, and thus induce and persuade the vast, wasted excess into useful fields."

"One of the unanswerable criticisms of the draft has been that it takes men from the farms and from all useful employments and marches them past crowds of idlers and loafers away to the army. The remedy is simple—to couple the industrial basis with other grounds for exemption and to require that any man pleading exemption on any ground shall also show that he is contributing effectively to the industrial welfare of the nation. The regulation itself makes plain the determination of the war department. The great organization of local and district boards may be relied upon to catch the spirit of the movement and sorely needed man-power will soon be flowing into the fields of useful endeavor or into the other direction of military strength."

OLD GERMAN SOLDIERS TO REVIVE PRUSSAINS

(International News Service.)
Amsterdam, May 23.—The Kaiser today sent the following message to the national soldiers' league:
"I count on the old soldiers who will carry the spirit of the Prussians into the German army and the spirit of my father, and now with God, into a world changed by war, and I count upon them forming the cornerstone on which we will build up the fatherland's future."

DESTROYER SUNK BY SHOT FROM AIR

Allied Plane Registers Direct Hit on Enemy Warship Near Zeebrugge.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 23.—An enemy destroyer has been sunk in the neighborhood of Zeebrugge by a direct hit from an airplane, the admiralty announced today.

GERMAN GOTHA BROUGHT DOWN

One of Squadron Attempting to Raid Paris Falls in Flames.

(International News Service.)
London, May 23.—One of the German gotha airplanes that attempted to raid Paris early today was shot down in flames near Verberie, said a News Agency dispatch from Paris this afternoon.

MORE AUSTRO-GERMAN PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

Italian Airmen Bag Eight. High-Angle Guns Overpower Two.

(International News Service.)
Rome, May 23.—Ten more Austro-German airplanes have been brought down by the Italians, eight by airmen and two by high-angle guns, said an official announcement by the war office.

There has been considerable activity along the mountain front and the Italians are developing in favor of the Italian front, it was stated.

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The artillery firing has been fairly intense all along the front, the report added. East of Zenson Looon the Italian fire against hostile batteries was particularly effective.

ALLIED GENERALISSIMO HONORS BELGIAN LEADER

(International News Service.)
Paris, May 23.—Gen. Foch, the allied generalissimo, in the presence of King Albert of Belgium, conferred the insignia of the legion of honor upon Gen. Gillain, of the Belgian army, and numerous others for their gallantry in the fighting around Kippe, said a dispatch from the Belgian front today.

The ceremonies took place at Belgian headquarters.

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Showers, Says Billy 'Possum
I have a girl who's very sweet, from a natty little town you'd say. I've called her many charming names, but now I've got a new one: "Tuesday." She must be hereabouts, for Tuesday is a meatless day and yesterday I watched her weigh, right much to my confusion. The weather? Partly cloudy and probably showers, but slight change in temperature tonight and Friday.

GUNS RESOUND IN ANCRE VALLEY

Heavy Artillery Active South-east of Lens and on Flanders Salient.

DUELLING IN PICARDY

Along Oise and Somme—British Raids Succeed in Vicinity of Alette.

(International News Service.)
Paris, May 23.—Although there has been artillery duelling along the Oise and Somme rivers, Picardy front, there has been no infantry action, the French war office stated in an official communique issued last night.

(International News Service.)
London, May 23.—Successful raids were carried out by the British in the neighborhood of Alette and Bois Leux St. Marie, in which casualties were inflicted upon the enemy, the British war office announced today.

Heavy artillery firing continues on both the Picardy and Flanders battle fronts.

The enemy rushed one of the allied advanced posts in Aveluy wood during the night and two men are missing as a result.

The enemy attempted to raid British positions in the vicinity of Reims-venance, but was driven off by rifle and machine gun fire.

The artillery fire was active during the night in the Ancre valley south of Lens, east of Rebecq and east of the forest of Nieppe.

RASMUSSEN, EXPLORER, REACHES LONG'S FIRTH

Two of His Party, Olson and Wulff, Dead—Ate All of Their Dogs.

(Associated Press.)
London, May 23.—Knud Rasmussen, the Danish explorer, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, has reached Long's Firth with his Arctic expedition and has chartered all the firms of northern Greenland. Important scientific results, the explorer says, have been attained. Rasmussen and his second Thule expedition left Denmark in April, 1916.

Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent transmits a telegram from Rasmussen, in which the explorer says his advance was attended with the greatest difficulties, and two members of the party, Hendrik Olson and Henry Wulff, perished. "After the death of Olson," says the explorer, "we started on our homeward journey and reached land Aug. 24 at Cape Agassiz, in a bad plight, without provisions, having eaten all the dogs."

The explorer says he and a companion, Knud, reached the firth, and patched sledges with provisions for the rest of the party, but that the relief arrived too late to save Dr. Wulff.

SINN FEINERS NOT IN PACT WITH U. S. GERMANS

Washington Investigation of Rumors Made as Precautionary Measure.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 23.—Widespread reports that Sinn Fein leaders are closely linked with powerful sources of German propaganda in this country were discounted by department of justice officials this afternoon. It was revealed that department agents had made a comprehensive report of these rumors and had uncovered evidence tending to show that, in some isolated cases, Sinn Fein sympathizers had been in communication with German agents in England, but that nothing of a dangerous element had been found, even in these instances.

The investigation, it was pointed out, had been made more as a precautionary measure than in the belief that there was actually a working bond between Sinn Fein and German propagandists in this country. The result of the investigation, it was very plain, was such that the department of justice is entirely reassured over the situation as it existed at present.

GRIM REAPER CLAIMS WELL-KNOWN WOMAN

Mrs. Louise Bailey Nisbet Dies After Illness of Several Weeks.

Mrs. Louise Bailey Nisbet, well-known Chattanooga woman, died Thursday morning at her home on Douglas street, after an illness of several weeks. Her husband, Col. J. C. Nisbet, a prominent citizen and resident, died about a year ago. The body was removed to Wann's funeral residence, 708 Georgia avenue. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

HUNS FORCED TO DRASTIC ACTION TO FILL UP GAPS

Men in Munitions Factories Being Replaced by Women and Children—Gen. Mannerheim, Commander of Finnish White Guards, Has Resigned.

Washington, May 23.—Germany has been forced to drastic action to fill the gaps torn in her ranks during the offensive on the western front. The translation of an article appearing in a neutral country was made public by the state department this afternoon, stating that munitions factories were being stripped of all men, leaving only women, children and prisoners of war. The article stated that German garrisons along the Dutch frontier have been stripped and that many troops have been taken out of Rumania. Convict battalions are also being formed, according to the article.

Rotterdam, May 23.—The Dutch steamship Megrez, bound from Rotterdam to a Baltic port, has been seized by the Germans and taken into Swinemunde. The excuse the German commander gave was that the vessel did not have any safe conduct papers.

This was the second seizure of Dutch vessels by the Germans reported in two days. The Megrez is a vessel of 2,695 tons. She was built in 1909 and hailed from Rotterdam.

London, May 23.—Gen. Mannerheim, commander-in-chief of the Finnish white guard, has resigned because of the plan of the Finnish conservative party to invade the Russian province of Karelia, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

WOMAN FAINTS DURING TENSE HOUR OF TRIAL

Grace Lusk, Showing Strain of Ordeal, Tells Whole Story of Murder.

(International News Service.)
Waukegan, Wis., May 23.—Grace Lusk, psychology teacher, on trial for the murder of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts, bared today the innermost secrets of her life with Dr. David Roberts, for whose love she slew Mrs. Roberts, and the strain is telling on the frail woman.

As her story, the story of her visits, trips, meetings and rides with Dr. Roberts, drawn out slowly and steadily by her attorney, Clancy, was unfolded, the telling of it grew harder at each episode, her voice faltered and she spoke as if each word were an extreme effort. She jerked and shook her head as if to force her voice to speak clearly.

As the story drew to its first climax, the time when Dr. Roberts and she kissed for the first time, the courtroom was tense. When Miss Lusk said "he leaped over and kissed me," a woman fainted. They carried her to a window to be revived.

She said it was in March of 1915. "I was sitting at my desk and he was standing," she said. "He leaped over and kissed me. I told him he shouldn't do that and then we kissed each other."

It was in February of 1915 that the acquaintanceship grew into a "desire," she said. "I loved him," she said. "Was there any emphatic demonstration?" asked Clancy.

"Yes, he asked me if it was possible for two people just to be friends."

"Did he say anything about his wife?"

"Yes, he mentioned her several times. He said they were not happy, that they had learned shortly after their marriage that they had little in common, and that they were getting along as best they could under the circumstances."

"Did you go on trips with him?"

"Yes."

"Were the trips business trips?"

"No, they were not. Miss Lusk related how she recalled to Dr. Roberts after the first kiss that he was married and he again declared his wife didn't care. She declared he had talked many times about his wife before he kissed her."

"You were not the first one to indulge in the kissing?" asked Clancy.

"No," Miss Lusk replied. She then led on in her story to where Dr. Roberts asked her to be his private secretary. She related automobile trips in the vicinity of Waukegan. On all these occasions, she declared, Dr. Roberts told her of the lack of feeling between his wife and himself.

"Did you begin to love Dr. Roberts in January and February of 1915?" asked Attorney Clancy.

"I never thought of such a thing, but I enjoyed being in his company," replied Miss Lusk.

"When did you begin to love him?"

"I found I cared for him very much in March."

FRIERSON GLEANS NEW EVIDENCE IN MUDDLE

Judge Charles E. Hughes to Begin Aircraft Investigation at Once.

Washington, May 23.—Charles E. Hughes will return to Washington tomorrow and is expected to remain until the department of justice investigation of the aircraft production muddle has been completed. It was announced this afternoon. Additional evidence has been gleaned by Assistant Attorney-General Frierison, in direct charge of the inquiry, and this will be placed before Judge Hughes. The situation is now such that a definite plan of procedure can then be outlined, and the probe will be in full swing by the end of the week, it was stated.

CARNIVAL COMPANY TO DEDICATE SERVICE FLAG

The Broadway shows the carnival now showing on Whitehall street, is to hold a patriotic ceremony Friday night, when a thirty-two star service flag, representing the men who have joined the department of justice investigation, will be dedicated. Foster V. Brown and Dr. F. B. Stapp will make addresses.

PROHIBITION FORCES WIN VICTORY IN HOUSE

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 23.—Dry forces in the house today won a second skirmish in favor of national prohibition during the war, when an preliminary vote on an amendment was approved refusing any of the \$11,346,400 appropriation in the food production bill until President Wilson issues a proclamation prohibiting the use of food in the manufacture of intoxicants.

AMERICAN PILOT KILLED

Pershing Report Tells of Death of Lieut. Kurtz.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, May 23.—Gen. Pershing's communique, transmitted today to the war department, reported that Lieut. Kurtz, an American pilot, had been accidentally killed within the American lines.

TRAIN PLOUGHS INTO LANDSLIDE AT TUNNEL

Engine and Pullmans Derailed. Traffic on the Panhandle Line Tied Up.

(International News Service.)
Stenhouseville, O., May 23.—Pennsylvania passenger train No. 26, St. Louis to New York, today ploughed into a landslide at No. 3 tunnel, Cadiz Junction, twenty-four miles west of here, the engine and four Pullmans being derailed. According to reports reaching here, no one was injured.

The westbound train is said to have been torn up for a considerable distance by the derailed train cutting across it when it left the track and traffic over the Panhandle line was tied up for several hours. Trains are being detoured over the Wheeling & Lake Erie railroad and the Wabash into Pittsburgh.

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